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FOR THE US SUPPLIESRS DELEGATION

FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 7029 ACTION SECSTATE 26 APR 77

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 7029

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG EG, US

SUBJECT: NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT

REF(A) CAIRO 4430 (B) STATE 33436

1. MAHER ABAZA, UNDERSECRETARY, MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY,
QUIRED EMBOFF BY PHONE APRIL 25 REGARDING STATUS OF U.S.
EGYPTIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT. ABAZA QUOTE EXCITEDLY,
SAID THAT GOE "GETTING DESPERATE" IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH
WESTINGHOUSE BECAUSE OF LACK OF PROGRESS ON AGREEMENT. PRICES
ARE RISING EVERY DAY, ABAZA SAID, AND SOON THERE MAY HAVE TO
BE RENEGOTIATION OF ENTIRE CONTRACT, A PROSPECT HE VIEWED
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VERY DIMLY. ABAZA REMINDED EMBOFF THAT EGYPT IS WILLING TO
ACCEPT ALL SAFEGUARDS NECESSARY, INDEED, ALREADY HAS ACCEPTED
ALL SAFEGUARDS U.S. ASKED FOR IN NEGOTIATIONS WHICH LED TO
INITIALING OF CURRENTLY PENDING AGREEMENT ON AUGUST 5, 1976
ABAZA ASKED IF THERE WERE ANYTHING THAT COULD BE DONE
TO SPEED PROCESS SO THAT CONTRACT WITH WESTINGHOUSE CAN BE
SIGNED. EMBOFF NOTED CONTINUING SERIOUS STUDY BY NEW

ADMINISTRATION OF ALL ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR COOPERATION AND
WITHOUT MENTIONING APRIL DATE, AS DESCRIBED REFTTEL B, SAID

THAT HE HOPED STUDY WOULD BE COMPLETED IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. ABAZA ALSO TOLD US HE IS LEAVING APRIL 27 FOR SALZBURG
TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR CONFERENCE (UNSPECIFIED).
HOPES TO MAKE STRONG REPRESENTATION DIRECTLY TO U.S. REPS WHOM
HE EXPECTS TO MEET THERE. (CAIRO PRESS REPORTS APRIL 26 THAT
DEPRIMIN AND MIN ELECTRIC POWER AND ENERGY SULTAN WILL
LEAD EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO SALZBURG CONFERENCE.) ANY U.S.
REPS TRAVELLING TO CONFERENCE IN SALZBURG THIS WEEK SHOULD BE
CAREFULLY BRIEFED ON HOW TO RESPOND TO ABAZA IF HE RAISES
SUBJECT WITH THEM.

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